

COMMANDING GENERAL THIRD ARMY UNITED STATES ARMY CENTRAL CAMP ARIFJAN, KUWAIT APO AE 09306

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Third Army Family Team,

As you know, our **Soldiers**, DoD **Civilians** and **Contractors** are working hard to fulfill our **Mission**, sustaining US ground forces and operations in the US Central Command Area of Responsibility (AOR), maintaining our readiness to deploy our Assault Command Post (ACP) anywhere in the AOR on short notice, and shaping the future by engaging our international partners and building their capacities. These great efforts lead to security and stability in an otherwise unstable region of the world.

Since October 2009, our Team has moved \$1.25 billion worth of equipment and supplies out of theater and we have moved more than \$145 million worth of Theater-Provided Equipment (TPE) from Iraq to Afghanistan. Our ARCENT Coordination and Support Elements in Iraq (ASE-I) and Afghanistan (ACSE-A) have become lead agents in ensuring that the right equipment gets to the right people at the right time. Only through our superior *Teamwork* have we been able to do what we've done.

During May's *Military Spouse Appreciation Month*, we must also take time to recognize our *Team*'s real heroes: our *Military Spouses* and *Family Members*. In an era of frequent and extended deployments, Military Spouses and Family Members have shouldered *more* than their share of the responsibilities of daily Family life; from school conferences, to piano recitals, to Little League practice and Girl Scout cookie sales, Military Spouses have often worked alone to provide the stability and consistency a Family requires.

Supporting *Families* at home and *Soldiers* on deployment, Military Spouses have sacrificed vacations, weekends, birthdays, holidays and anniversaries so that we can continue our important *Mission* for the American people. This month we *continue* to salute and express our gratefulness for our strong Families at home that make real *Teamwork* possible.

Patton's Own!

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